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Super Bowl Sets 22 Marks

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) The records set in Super Bowl XI by the Oakland Raiders and Minnesota Vikings:

INDIVIDUAL

Most passing attempts, lifetime — Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, (3 games), 89.

Most attempts passing, game — Fran Tarkenton, 35, (17 comp.)

Most passing completions, lifetime — Fran Tarkenton, 46.

Most passing yards gained, lifetime — Fran Tarkenton, 489

Most passes had intercepted, lifetime — Fran Tarkenton, 6.

Most pass receptions, lifetime — Chuck Foreman, Minnesota, 15 (3 games).

Most yards on pass interceptions, lifetime — Willie Brown, Oakland, 75 (TD)

Most yards on pass interceptions, game — Willie Brown, 75

Most yards gained punt returns, game — Neal Colzie, Oakland, 43.

TEAM

Most points, one team, in second quarter — Oakland, 16.

Most first downs, both teams, game — 41 (Oakland 21, Minnesota 20).

Most first downs passing, one team — 15 by Minnesota.

Most total yards gained, one game — 429 by Oakland.

Most yards gained, both teams — 782 (Oakland 429, Minnesota 353).

Most yards gained rushing, both teams — 337 (Oakland 266, Minnesota 71).

Most passes attempted game, one team — 44 by Minnesota.

Most passes completed game, one team — 24 by Minnesota.

Most passes completed, both teams — 36 (24 Minnesota, 12 Oakland).

Most yards gained passing, one team — 282 by Minnesota.

Most yards gained passing, both teams — 445 (282 Minnesota, 163 Oakland).

Most yards gained punt returns, one team — 43 by Oakland.

Most yards gained punt returns, two teams — 57 (43 Oakland, 14 Minnesota).

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By TOM LaMARRE

PASADENA—The rags-to-riches saga of the Oakland Raiders finally is complete.

The Raiders wrote the long-missing final chapter yesterday by obliterating the Minnesota Vikings, 32-14, in Super Bowl XI before 100,421 fans in the Rose Bowl and a world-wide TV audience.

So the franchise that nearly never was, and then almost died in infancy, sits atop the football world.

"Our team was magnificent," exulted Al Davis, who came to Oakland in 1963 and turned the pathetic Raiders into a powerhouse.

John Madden, snubbed by Coach of the Year voters after a brilliant 13-1 regular season despite a host of adversity, was carried from the field by his jubilant players.

Madden's club had just concluded a 21-2 season, the victories an all-time pro record, including a 5-1 pre-season and 13 triumphs in succession following a 48-7 debacle in New England.

"We had tougher games in the AFC," said Madden. "They can't say it anymore that we can't win the big one. We won all the big ones.

"I knew it last night that we were going to win big. I usually don't feel that way before a game, but I was so sure that I was even saying it. Everything was perfect."

Even the lopsided score doesn't indicate how dominant the Raiders were on a magnificent day under the California sun.

The Vikings, outclassed from start to finish, made one run at the Raiders in the third period aided by two penalties to close the gap to 19-7.

Fran Tarkenton connected for an eight-yard touchdown pass with Sammy White with 47 seconds remaining in the quarter. But when Tarkenton brought the Vikings back for more, Willie Hall closed the door.

Hall stepped in front of Chuck Foreman at the Oakland 30 to pluck Francis' pass and Minnesota's dreams out of the air, returning 16 yards to the 46.

"I had been going the other way with a back and was supposed to go again," explained Hall, defensive hero of the game, "but I hid in the traffic and Tarkenton didn't see me.

"I slipped in there and caught the ball, then thought of going all the way. Once I got into traffic again, I protected the ball because I knew it meant we had won."

Kenny Stabler made sure of that moments later when he drilled a 48-yard pass to Fred Biletnikoff, voted the game's most valuable player by Sport Magazine with four catches for 79 yards.

Biletnikoff eluded cornerback Nate Wright, assigned to cover him one-on-one because the Vikes

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Clarence Davis (1), Fred Biletnikoff rejoice
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Kaliders win NFL

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were blitzing. Freddie broke open in the middle of the field to take Stabler's pass and didn't stop until Bobby Bryant tackled him on the two.

"He (Wright) came up to bump me, but I went around him to the inside," rehearsed Biletnikoff. "I took off and he just seemed to sit there. I got to the hole in the middle and no one was there.

"Kenny saw me and got the ball there, but I wasn't thinking about scoring. I just wanted to get down there close again and not fumble the ball. I was hanging on tight."

Just the way Biletnikoff did on catches on the one-yard line that set up Oakland's first two touchdowns.

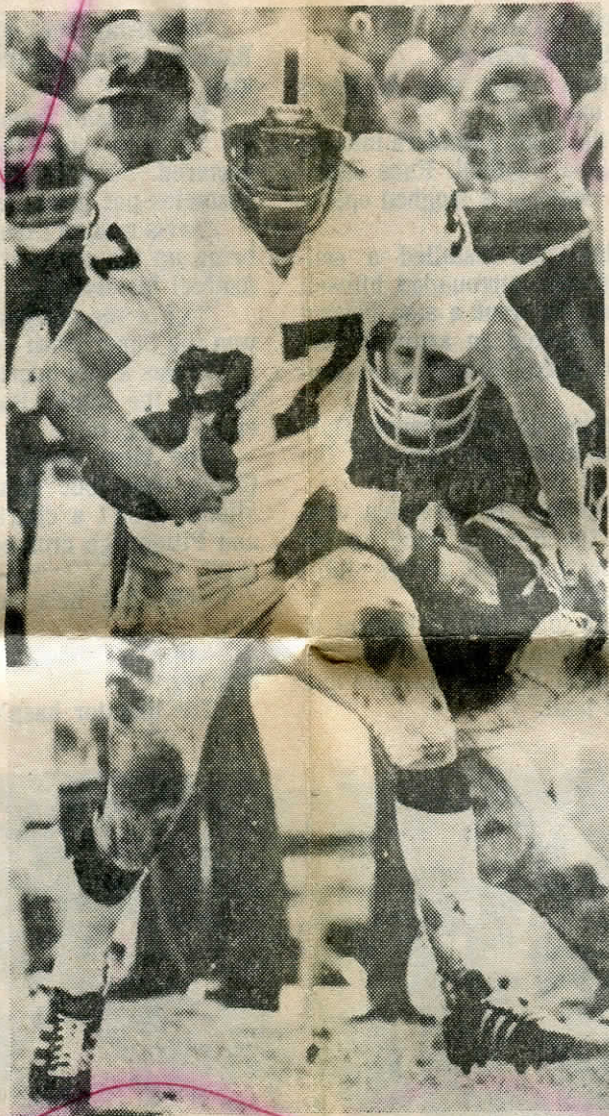
Stabler summed up Freddie's final catch this way:

"They had a blitz on and they left the middle open because the weak safety went one way with a back and the strong safety went the other way with Dave Casper.

"You can't leave Freddie one-on-one, and once he got past the guy it was easy to get the ball to him. The rest is history."

Pete Banaszak's second touchdown smash of the game on the following snap and Willie Brown's crusher on the next defensive series sent Viking fans sadly back to the snow.

Brown snagged Tarkenton's out pass intended for White and sailed down the sidelines past Tarkenton for a 75-yard



Tribune photo by RUSS REED

Dave Casper adds yards after snagging a pass

touchdown return with 5:43 remaining on the clock.

"They lined up without a huddle, so I knew what they were going to do," declared Brown. "I've been around 13 years, so I usually can tell what people are likely to do in certain situations. There, they didn't have much choice.

"I could tell the way Sammy looked at me and the way Tarkenton looked over that way. When Tarkenton was two steps back in his drop, I knew for sure and made my move."

The Vikings scored on reserve Bob Lee's 13-yard pass to Stu Voigt. It was merely academic. The Raiders' control was all-encompassing.

Oakland set a Super Bowl record of 429 total yards, 266 in a bruising ground onslaught led by Art Shell and Gene Upshaw in the pits in front of Clarence Davis and the backfield troops.

Minnesota mustered 353 yards, most of it in desperation during the final period, and only 71 on the ground. When the Raiders built a 16-0 halftime margin, Minnesota could manage a meager 86 yards, or as many as Davis piled up by himself.

"We didn't know we'd beat them so badly," confessed defensive end Otis Sistrunk.

"But we knew they were in trouble when they walked on the field. We were ready to knock them around and we did."

Oakland pounded out a 57-yard march with the opening kickoff against Minnesota's Geritol Defense, but came away empty-handed when Errol Mann's 29-yard field goal deflected wide off the left upright.

Beforehand, much was made of the Vikings' toughness near the goal and their ability to block kicks. They exhibited both in the opening period and still couldn't gain the initial advantage.

Fred McNeill blocked Ray Guy's punt, the first time that's happened to Guy in the pros, and recovered for Minnesota on the Oakland three yard line.

"One of my blockers missed an assignment, but I can't blame any of them because they've been so super," said Guy. "I thought I got it off even though I heard the thump."

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"Then I looked up and saw the ball spinning over my head and took off to keep them from scoring. He had the ball and so did I and they would have kept it no matter who had it. At least I kept them out of the end zone."

So did Oakland's defense, maligned even on Super Bowl week as a makeshift, patchwork unit.

Jack Tatum and Phil Villapiano stripped the ball from Brent McClanahan on second and goal, Hall recovering on the two.

"We got a good stick on him and I was just coming in to clean up when I saw the ball," explained Hall. "I think I was the first one to see it and I just dived in there on it."

Then the Raiders took it to the Vikes, slugging out a 90-yard drive to the Minnesota eight, where Mann knocked through a 24-yard field goal with 48 seconds gone in period two.

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Oakland's way for keeps.

"We took the heart out of them right there and we made them a little tired too," said Upshaw. "We got in the huddle and everyone said, 'we're going 98 yards'.

"We didn't get all the way there, but it was enough. We knew that once we were ahead they wouldn't catch us. Right side, left side, we went wherever we wanted."

Including 64 yards to the end zone on 10 plays the very next time they had the ball. Stabler went 5-for-5 in the march for 35 yards, while Carl Garrett spelled Davis and gained 20 yards on the ground.

After the Alabama Snake connected with Biletnikoff for five yards and a first down at the one on a comeback pattern, Stabler fooled the Vikings and half the country.

Stabler play-faked, then found Casper by his lonesome in the left corner of the end zone, where he made a leaping catch.

"Why not?" said Stabler, turning a question around on a reporter. "We knew they were anchored in there and that there wasn't much coverage back there.

"I don't know what I would have called because before I had a chance John sent that one in from the bench. It was a great call.

"I'm most happy for John because of all the stuff he's taken, and guys like Willie Hall, John Matuszak, Dave Rowe, Floyd Rice, Carl Garrett and Hubie Ginn—people who were out of a job or something like that and are on top now."

When Neal Colzie returned a punt 25 yards to the Minnesota just minutes later, the rout began to take shape.

Stabler found Biletnikoff again for 17 yards to the one before Nate Wright could stop him. Banaszak piled into the end zone behind George Buehler and John Vella on the next play.

"That was something we've

play.

"That was something we've been doing all year," said Banaszak. "I just got on Buehler's backside and followed him in. It's nice following 270 pounds.

"I've had a lot of adversity over the years. I remember fumbling in the 1968 Super Bowl, and here I get two TDs. This makes up for all of that."

Mann's 40-yard field goal stretched it to 19-0 with 5:16 remaining in the third quarter. The Vikes made their only real threat all day in the ensuing 10 minutes.

The Raiders had Minnesota stopped at its own 31, but Ted Hendricks ran into punter Neil Clabo and later George Atkinson was whistled for defensive holding.

Skip Thomas was shaken up slightly defending against White on a Tarkenton pass to the end zone. The cornerback ran into a padded barrier.

Three plays later, Tarkenton found White with Fran's first ever Super Bowl TD pass. Colzie, subbing for Thomas, went for the interception and missed.

"We prepared for that play," said Colzie, "because we knew it was their favorite down there. I read it and went for the ball."

'We'll Be Back'

Vikings Accept It

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By DAVE NEWHOUSE

PASADENA — With 42 seconds remaining in another purple-shaded disaster, Alan Page left the field ahead of his Minnesota Viking teammates and walked into the dressing room wearing a wry smile.

Page's premature exit is a perfect example of how the Vikings have grown accustomed to losing in the Super Bowl.

Certainly they've had experience, the only Super Bowl team to lose four times, which gives them a safe two-game lead on Dallas.

But Vikings now act as if they expect to lose. The general attitude after their latest one-sided defeat was one of light-heartedness and nonchalance. Chuck Foreman was

the only Viking close to tears and Jim Marshall wouldn't talk. The others laughed, smiled and greeted friends.

"It's not the end of the world," said Carl Eller. "Losing today is less frustrating because we've gone through it before. Personally I don't feel down."

"We are going to have to look for an AFC team we can beat when we come back to the Super Bowl again," said quarterback Fran Tarkenton.

"Hey, we'll be back," Coach Bud Grant declared, smiling. "We're used to this. We've lost four Super

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Bowls. But there are a lot of teams who have never got here, and we've made more Super Bowl money than anyone."

That's true, but always the loser's shares. Although they won't admit it, something must be telling the Vikings that they can't win the big one, a feeling that once haunted Dallas and Oakland.

"I don't know how we can have any more resolve," said Page, who shrugged off his early departure with no explanation. "We got here four times, why not five?"

Guard Ed White feels the same way.

"We'll keep trying until we get it," said White. "Oakland played better than any team we've faced in the Super Bowl."

Page disagreed.

"Miami had us the whole game," said the All-Pro tackle.

The Vikings didn't blame themselves as much as they praised the Raiders.

"I'd have to be crazy if I didn't think so," Fran replied when asked whether Oakland is the best team in football.

"We got whipped. Oakland is an excellent team. It can run and pass on anyone and it fumbles less than anyone. I don't know what Oakland could do to improve on what it did to us."

"We played well, but Oakland played fantastically," said Eller. "The Raiders made the big play, a succession of big plays. We couldn't take the ball away from them. The surprising thing was their defense. It hadn't been the strongest around this year, but it came through. Oakland was just incredibly effective with everything it tried."

Foreman was shocked by the Raiders' defense.

"We saw films of their games and teams ran on them at will," said the 1,000-yard running back who was held to 44 yards rushing and 2.6 per carry.

"Oakland's defense played best. It's the best team in football."

Minnesota had its chances, in familiar fashion, blocking a punt. But in unfamiliar Minnesota fashion, the Vikings didn't capitalize.

"I was able to get a good charge off the line," said Fred McNeill, who blocked Ray Guy's punt from Oakland's 34 and then recovered at the three. "Charles Phillips was in too close to block me and Neal Colzie was occupied by Windlan Hall. That created an alley for me."

Brent McClanahan fumbled the ball back to the Raiders two plays later.

"Not putting the ball in the end zone affected our first-half play," said Grant. "They drove 97 yards to a field goal."

Ahmad Rashad later dropped a Tarkenton bomb out in front at the Raider 42. "The ball slipped off the end of my fingers," said the wide receiver.

The crippling blow was Willie Hall's interception with

Vikings down 19-7.

"I was in a scramble because it was a dangerous situation," said Tarkenton. "You have to gamble when you're down two touchdowns. If I hadn't scrambled, I'd have been sacked and it would have been fourth and 25."

The quarterback discarded questions about his physical condition. He injured a knee in the playoff with Washington.

"Obviously, my knee wasn't 100 per cent, but it didn't make any difference. I played, didn't I?" he said. "Oakland just beat us badly."

They totally dominated us."

Grant tried to be funny.

"We played them on the wrong day. We should have played them on Wednesday," said the coach.

Eller said the Vikings, who gave up a Super Bowl record 266 yards rushing, "shut the inside off, but it was just Clarence Davis' adeptness at getting outside."

Raider-Viking Summary, Stats

Oakland
Minnesota

0 16 3 13-32
0 0 7 7-14

O M FIRST QUARTER
0 0 No scoring.

SECOND QUARTER
3 0 Mann 24 FG. 14:12 left.
10 0 Casper 1 pass from Stabler. 64-yard drive 10 plays. Mann kick. 7:10 left.

16 0 Bonaszk 1 run, 35-yard drive 5 plays. Kick failed. 3:33 left.

THIRD QUARTER
19 0 Mann 40 FG. 5:16 left.
19 7 White 8 pass from Tarkenton. 58-yard drive 12 plays. Cox kick. 0:47 left.

FOURTH QUARTER
26 7 Bonaszk 2 run, 54-yard drive 4 plays. Mann kick. 7:39 left.
32 7 Brown 75 interception return. Kick failed. 5:43 left.
32 14 Vought 8 pass from Lee. 86-yard drive 9 plays. Cox kick. 0:25 left. Att: 100,421 (3,003 no-shows).

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RAIDERS

	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
Rushing				
Davis	16	137	8.6	0
van Eeghen	4	19	4.8	0
Garrett	10	19	1.9	2
Bonazak	2	9	4.5	0
Ginn	2	9	4.5	0
Roe	2	9	4.5	0
Totals	52	266	5.1	2

	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Passing					
Stabler	19	12	180	1	0
Totals	19	12	180	1	0

	No	Yds	TD
Pass Receiving			
Biletnikoff	4	79	0
Casper	4	70	0
Branch	3	20	0
Garrett	1	11	0
Totals	12	180	1

VIKINGS

	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
Rushing				
Foreman	17	44	2.6	0
Johnson	2	9	4.5	0
White	1	7	7.0	0
Lee	1	4	4.0	0
Miller	2	4	2.0	0
McClanahan	3	3	1.0	0
Totals	26	71	2.7	0

	Att	Comp	Yds	TD	Int
Passing					
Tarkenton	35	17	205	1	2
Lee	9	7	81	1	0
Totals	44	24	286	2	2

	No	Yds	TD
Pass Receiving			
White	5	62	0
Foreman	4	49	1
Vought	4	19	0
Miller	3	53	0
Rashad	3	26	0
Johnson	2	24	2
Totals	24	286	2

TEAM STATISTICS

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First downs	21	20
Rushing	13	2
Passing	8	15
Penalty	0	3
Total offensive yardage	429	353
Number offensive plays	73	71
Average gain per play	5.9	5.0
Net rushing yardage	266	71
Average gain per rush	5.1	2.7
Net passing yardage	163	282
Average gain per pass	7.8	6.3
Gross yards passing	180	286
Times thrown/yards lost	2/17	1/14
Passes attempted	19	44
Passes completed	12	24
Passes had intercepted	0	2
Punts/average	5/32.4	7/37.9
Fumbles/lost	0/0	1/1
Penalties/yards	4/30	2/25
Total return yardage	181	150
Punts/returned	4/43	3/14
Kickoffs/returned	3/47	7/136
Interceptions/returned	2/91	0/0
Miscellaneous/returned	0/0	0/0
Third-down efficiency	9/18	7/18
Fourth-down efficiency	0/1	0/1